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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARKS OFFICE

Appl. No. : **10 / 614,017** Confirmation no.: 9509  
Applicant : Kinzel  
Title : Retaining Clips  
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Examiner : James R. Brittain  
  
Docket no. : 152.5  
Customer no : 26,109

Commissioner for Patents  
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**RESPONSE / AMENDMENT**

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated May 19, 2004, a reply to which was originally due by August 19, 2004. This response is accompanied by a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a two month extension such that the response may be timely filed by October 19, 2004. Funds for two extra independent claims in excess of three are also being submitted.

Please amend this application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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